

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 6G. Figure 6G illustrates a sharing sheet provided with a door which has a shape different than an aperture of the sharing sheet, where a background design is partially exposed when the door of the sharing sheet is closed.

REMARKS

Claims 11 and 21 remain pending, and have been allowed. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding drawing objection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings, asserting that the drawings must show a door of a sharing sheet having a shape different from a shape of an aperture, or not fully covering the aperture, as recited in claims 11 and 21. The Examiner asserted that Figure 6G, which Applicant submitted with the response filed on October 12, 2005, does not illustrate such features.

With the present Response, Applicant submits a new Figure 6G, which Applicant submits to show the above noted features of claims 11 and 21. That is, Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 6G illustrates a sharing sheet which includes a door 31 which partially covers a triangular aperture (corresponding to the upper right quadrant of the diamond-shaped pattern) when closed. As shown in Figure 6G, the door has a substantially triangular shape, with a square-shaped notch cut out of a corner. Since the door has a square-shaped notch cut out of a corner, the door has a shape different from a shape of the triangular aperture which it covers, and does not fully cover the aperture. As shown in Figure 6G, a background design (having a shade lighter than the diamond-shaped pattern) is partially exposed by the square-shaped notch of the door 31, when the door 31 is closed.

On February 3, 2006, Applicant's U.S. representative sent a facsimile copy of the attached Figure 6G to the Examiner as a proposed drawing, for the purpose of working with the Examiner to overcome the drawing objection. The Examiner left a telephone message with Applicant's U.S. representative in which she advised, without explanation, that the proposed drawing did not overcome the objection.

Since receiving the Examiner's telephone message, Applicant's U.S. representative has made numerous attempts over a more than three week period to reach the Examiner, without success, in an effort to understand her objection to the drawings.

As explained above, Figure 6G illustrates a door of a sharing sheet which has a shape different from a shape of an aperture of the sharing sheet, such that a background design is partially exposed when the door is closed, as recited in claims 11 and 21. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

As the Examiner has previously indicated that pending claims 11 and 21 are allowable, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicant recognizes that the current status of the present application is after Final. However, Applicant respectfully submits that the present amendment does not

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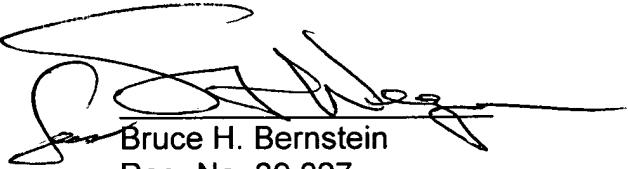
raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration, as it merely amends the drawings.

Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the present application in condition for allowance and believes that he has now done so. Accordingly, reconsideration of the outstanding Official Action and allowance of the present application and all the recited claims therein are respectfully requested and now believed to be appropriate.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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